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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1637  
PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 02481.1743

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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E. UHLMANN et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1637  
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Application No.: 09/835,371 ) Examiner: J. Siew  
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Filed: April 17, 2001 )  
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For: POLYAMIDE NUCLEIC ACID )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed December 3, 2003, and pursuant to  
37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.

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